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October 24, 2003

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Michael Copps,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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I have a considerable investment made in digital electronics to enhance my enjoyment of different media. My concern lies in my belief that the broadcast flag gives the content deliverers (not necessarily the producers) more control over what happens in my living room than I have. I find the constant chipping away at my rights that have occurred over the last 15 to 20 years by the various media conglomerates, with help from the U.S. Government, as this nation has progressed into a more digital capable society alarming.

I have already invested heavily in digital television (HDTV Monitor and Tuner, and was considering an HD capable VCR or DVR, but will not make that investment if the broadcast flag becomes a reality), and I am convinced that a large portion of that investment may have been ill advised as my schedule rarely lines up with the major networks schedule. Through the use of digital technology I have been able to flex their schedule to match mine, however, I see the broadcast flag as being the first huge step in the process of taking away my control. Perhaps the greatest threat to the content deliverers lies in the fact that implementation of the broadcast flag, at least in its current form, would mean that I, and certainly many more like myself who use technology to allow for flexibility in scheduling, would no longer be a consumer of this programming, which would therefore cause them more harm.

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FINAL NOTE: The wording above may not be mine specifically, but I agree with its content wholeheartedly. The broadcasters are doing nothing more than trying to implement an RIAA type environment to force everyone to do things THEIR way. Not very realistic in the real world.

I strongly urge you to side with the public rather than the desires of this special interest group.

Doug Gorrie

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